

Social and Personal

DR. AND MRS. HENRY WHITE, of Columbia, S. C., are in Richmond for the Christmas holidays, and will be the guests of Mrs. Horace Wellford Jones for that time. On Monday Dr. and Mrs. White will leave for Norfolk, where they expect to join Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. Vereley J. Crump.

Party Tea. Mrs. Carlos A. Blanton entertained very delightfully yesterday afternoon at a small tea given in honor of two of the debutantes of the season. Guests were invited at half after 4 o'clock, and included some of the debutantes of this winter and a few of the girls who came out last season. Miss Doris Jones and Miss Frances Hemis were guests of honor, and received with their hostess, Mrs. Blanton, were a gown of pale blue marquisette made over blue satin, and carried a big bunch of poinsettias. Miss Jones wore a gown of pale blue cloth, with a big picture hat, and Miss Hemis was gowned in pale pink broadcloth, with a big black hat. They both carried similar bouquets of Parma violets.

House decorations were all in holly and crimson flowers. Palms and trailing vines were used in the hall. The parlors, and poinsettias and holly were arranged in big vases scattered everywhere. In the dining room the tea table was set with an enormous square basket of poinsettias and ferns, and the candles were shaded in crimson and silver. Miss Catherine Eches, presided at the punch bowl, and Miss Lily Cary poured tea. In the dining room Misses Natalie McAden, Henrietta Crump and Pauline Anderson assisted in serving the guests, and Miss Emily McAden and Miss Annie Robinson assisted in the library.

All over the house the mantels were banked with holly and cedar, and great branches of holly and mistletoe were suspended from the chandeliers.

Engagement Announced. Mr. and Mrs. I. Kaufmann, of West Grace Street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie Madeline, to Sidney Blair, of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Kaufmann will be at home informally to their friends to-morrow evening from 8 to 11 o'clock.

Miss Kaufmann's father is one of the best known business men in Richmond, and the announcement of her engagement is of much interest.

Home Wedding. Miss Annie Louise Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor, of Parkwood, Ga., and Philip Haxall Latimer, of Jacksonville, Fla., will be married at "the Oaks," the beautiful country estate of the bride's parents, this evening at 8 o'clock. The Rev. L. E. Roberts, of Brunswick, Ga., performed the ceremony.

The bride's party will include Miss Anna Parker, of Americus, Ga.; Miss Blanche Tait, of Brunswick, Ga.; John M. Ration, of Brunswick, Ga.; and a Henry Cook, of Rome, Ga. The ceremony will be very quiet and simply celebrated, and only the relatives and friends of the bride and groom will be present.

Guests from a distance will include Mrs. G. M. McAden and sons, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Watson and sons, of Brunswick, Ga.; and a number of country friends. The guests immediately following the ceremony, and Miss Catherine Tait presided at the punch bowl.

Returned to Lexington. Mr. and Mrs. E. Southard Shields have returned to Lexington, after spending their honeymoon in Bermuda. They also spent several days in Richmond, where they were entertained at a very pretty breakfast given by Governor and Mrs. William Hodges Mann in the Executive Mansion. Mrs. Shields was formerly Miss Lucie Dunnington, of Farmville, and her wedding at her father's lovely old country place in Prince Edward county was one of the notable events of the early season.

For Miss Eches. The Baltimore Sun of yesterday morning contains the following article of interest to society in Richmond:

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Christian Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Christian and Miss Emily Christian expect to leave Williamsburg December 26 to attend the wedding of Miss Estelle Habel and James T. Christian, which will be solemnized at The Plains, in Fauquier county, among others who will attend the wedding are Mrs. L. W. Lane, Jr., Miss Agnes Morecock, Spencer Lane, who will be the best man; B. D. Peachy and E. W. Warburton.

The wedding will be a very interesting event, and will be celebrated Christmas week.

Debutante Dinner. Miss Camille Cary, daughter of Mrs. T. Archibald Cary, who is making her debut in Richmond this winter, will be guest of honor at a dinner given by her mother this evening at the Country Club. Covers will be laid for thirty-two guests, and dinner will be served at small tables set with scarlet flowers and candles shaded in silver and white.

Informal At Home. Mr. and Mrs. Malvern C. Patterson, of "Hillcrest," will be at home informally on the afternoon of Christmas Day after 4 o'clock. Guests are invited to meet Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Underwood, of Alabama, who are visiting them for the holidays.

Marriage Announced. Mr. and Mrs. William T. Laws, of 808 Bainbridge Street, South Richmond, announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, to C. S. Calver, of this city, the ceremony having taken place Wednesday evening, the Rev. H. D. C. MacLachlan officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Calver have gone to Danville on their wedding trip to visit relatives near that city, and on returning will make their home in Roanoke.

Peters-Blanton. Miss Edna Blanton and Rhuel E. Peters, of Cumberland county, were married Wednesday afternoon, December 20, at 4:30, in the parlors of the Rev. John D. Williams, 1702 Park Avenue. Only members of the family and a few friends witnessed the ceremony. The bride was dressed in a traveling suit. Mr. and Mrs. Peters will be at home after January 1 in Cumberland.

In and Out of Town. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Urquhart, Jr., of Baltimore, arrived yesterday to spend Christmas with their mother, Mrs. W. H. Urquhart, at 105 East Franklin Street.

Mrs. Katz and her son are visiting friends in New York for the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Allen and Mrs.

KAUFMANN & CO. Sale of Caracul and Seal Plush Coats

A shipment of sixty-five Coats received by express on yesterday, with instructions from manufacturer to dispose of same.

Nothing More Practical or Useful for Xmas Gifts

Caracul Coat, 52 inches long, satin lined; \$10.00 **\$7.50**

Genuine Saltz Fur Caracul, full length, old gold satin lined; \$15.00 value, now **\$10.00**

Seal Plush, 52 inches long, colored satin lined; shawl collar **\$10.00**

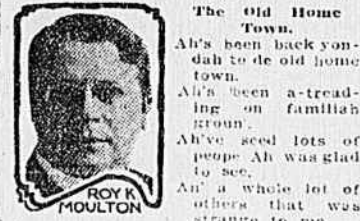
Saltz First Quality Seal Plush Coat, fastened at front with three handsome frogs, large sailor collar or shawl collar, lined with colored yarn dyed satin; regular \$27.50 value, now **\$20.00**

Handsome Genuine Scalette Plush Coat, black marten fur, shawl collar, fastened with two handsome frogs; regular \$35.00 value; special **\$25.00**

Black Cloth Coats, faced and lined with light shade of broadcloth, in tan, purple and gray, for street or dress wear; sold at \$13.50; special **\$10.00**

CLEARANCE SALE OF HOLIDAY GOODS. Purchasers of Christmas gifts to-day will have money-saving opportunities.

ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT By ROY K. MOULTON.



The Old Home Town.

Ah, been back yon-dah to de old home town.

Ah, been a treadin' on familliar ground.

Ah, been a lot of people Ah was glad to see.

An' a whole lot of others that was strange to me.

De same old depot and de watch tank, de same old faces in de Union bank, de same old schoolhouse on de same old hill.

De same old couthous and de same old mill, de same old fountain in de same old park.

De same old houn' dog wid de same old bark, but best of de old things dat Ah knew.

De same old welcome, it was right dar, too.

De same old handshake wid de same old grip.

De same old quiver of de under lip, de same old do'knob right in mah' front.

De same old teardrops upon mah' coat.

De same old homestead where Ah was born.

De same old bahnyard whar Ah used to play.

Whin Ah thought many a rainy day, dar's no use talkin', dar's quite a deal.

Of downright sentiment Ah kaint help feel.

When a feller's thiah'd of travelin' 'round.

It's good to git back to de old home town.

Why Is It?

That the gentlemen with the most dots in their heads always sit on the platform at a political convention?

That a cat is never satisfied, whether she is in the house or not?

That a millionaire can afford to wear a \$7 suit while a poor man is obliged to put up a good front?

That a coal stove runs great in warm weather and forms icicles during a blizzard?

That the man next door wants to use your lawn mower just when you want to and generally does?

That a woman will wear a switch three shades lighter than her own hair and imagine that she is fooling somebody?

Where Is This Man At?

Many queer relationships have been mentioned from time to time, but one that is rather unique has come to light at Luther, Mich.

A man in Luther met a widow and married her. She had a stepdaughter. The man's wife thus became the mother-in-law of her father-in-law and the man's step-daughter became his step-mother. His given name was hereafter his step-son. After a while his step-mother, who was also the step-daughter of his wife, had a son. This

he carried in plain sight.

As he took his homeward way upon that great red-letter night, and he borrowed two policemen, each of whom a gun did tote.

For he carried quite a treasure in the pocket of his coat.

Almost breathlessly they felt their way along the darksome pike, and they dodged each alley and each telephone pole and the like.

It was quite an expedition and he didn't care to take.

A chance on being held up for that pound of sirloin steak.

boy became the Luther man's brother, being the Luther man's father's son, but the boy is also the son of his wife's stepdaughter and so her grandson. Thus the Luther man becomes his brother's grandfather. Then the Luther man's wife had a daughter. His mother-in-law is this new daughter's step-sister and also his grandmother. His father is the brother of his grandfather. The Luther man is his mother's brother-in-law, his daughter is his father's niece and he has finally figured out that he is his own grandfather. Help!

The Teacher.

She could whip Jim Jeffries, I think. She was strong for the physical culture.

And she put us all on the blink. When she was the boss of our teacher. The fellow who made bold to sass her. Was nothin' far short of a fool.

A feller came along here last season. And he was quite a fellow to be wed. And he fell in love with our teacher. Not knowin' the lives we had led. Last spring them two got married. We helped it along with a vim. We were glad to get rid of our teacher. But we felt blamed sorry for him.

Dipped From the Stream.

A New York Congressman says it is impossible for him to live on his salary, and perhaps that is the reason there are so many "dead ones" in Congress.

Some of the women will evidently not be satisfied until their skirts are so tight that they have to put them on with a shoe horn.

Strange to say, the history of the sugar trust is not the sweetest story ever told.

A French woman left a will providing that her estate be divided among those attending her funeral. Inasmuch as the will was published before the funeral, the heirs will probably get about a cent each.

Experts predict that a reduction in food prices will arrive soon. It beats all that the reduction of food prices is never of time.

New York now claims 5,000,000 souls. What New York really means, no doubt, is that she has 5,000,000 population.

A Kansas bride weighs 280 pounds. It is going to be some job to support her in the pocket of her coat.

Mount Etna, the Joe Bailey of Europe, is spouting again.

Taking No Chances.

He bought a big revolver which he carried in plain sight.

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